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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ROTH et al. Group Art Unit: 3733
Serial No.: 10/774,272 Confirmation No.: 7311
Filed: February 6, 2004 Examiner: James L. Swiger III
For: BONE FIXATION SYSTEM Attorney Docket No.: 8932-876-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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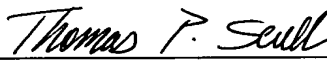
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005 be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from February 1, 2006 to and including March 1, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120 . Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 23, 2006



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